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My Dear Friend:

On Saturday, Feb. 9th, I shall leave this city for Albany, where I shall tarry till Monday, when I shall take the cars for Rochester, passing through Syracuse without stopping. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 12th, I shall lecture in Rochester; and in Buffalo on the next evening, 13th. This will complete my engagements.

When you were here, you very kindly expressed your readiness to try to procure me a hearing in some other places along the route. But I am reluctant to give you any trouble of this kind - you, who are so constantly overworked to subserve the interests of our common humanity. If you think a lecture from me on slavery, in Syracuse, (say on Thursday even-

ing, Feb. 14th,) would not be "car-
rying coals to Newcastle," and would
be likely to cover the expenses of the
hall, advertising, &c., I will deliver
one with much pleasure. Then, if
an arrangement could be made for
me to speak at Utica on Friday
evening, Feb. 15th, I would proceed
thither. Probably, in no place would
Saturday evening be a good one to
secure an audience. On Sunday
and Monday evenings, I could
also speak, if on the line of the
Railroad. What would be my chance
on the last named evening at Sche-
nectady?

You spoke of my going to Skan-
cateles. It ^{would} ~~will~~ give me much grat-
ification to do so, on account of
friend J. C. Fuller's family; but,
as it off from the railway track
several miles, (I know not how
many,) and as the travelling will

be very uncertain, I am rather afraid to run the risk. However, I leave every thing in your own hands, to the extent of the time I have named; and therefore "do with me as seemeth thee good."

Perhaps, should I not hear from you before that time, that either you, or some friend in your stead, will meet ^{me} at the depot in Syracuse, on the arrival of the morning train from Albany, on Monday, Feb. 11th, so as to apprise ^{me} of the nature of the programme you may have made.

Let it be understood that I wish to burden no one pecuniarily, and therefore make no conditions beyond having my travelling expenses met. Of course, I shall not object to some compensation, should the attendance warrant it.

We have just closed the annual meeting of our State Society,

but, in consequence of the severity of the weather, and our hall being located so far up on the Neck as Dover Street, the attendance was not so numerous as ^{on} some ~~or~~ other occasions. But the discussions were animated, interesting and instructive. We were unanimous in the opinion, that Disunionism must be pressed with increasing persistency and boldness.

I regret to see that, in the great fire which recently destroyed your noble Winter Hall, John was among the number burnt out; but I trust he was pretty fully insured.

We are all in the enjoyment of health under our roof, and trust it is well with you all at home.

To-morrow, I go to Bayon, and shall probably be absent till Friday. Helen sends her love to you and yours. Mine is included, of course.
S. J. May. Ever yours, Wm. Lloyd Garrison.